

Grand Jury Orders Four to Face Trial

Indictment Charges Pair with Theft of Walnuts from McBurney Farm at Gaston; Driver Jailed

Three indictments were returned Friday by the county grand jury, which began its January term Thursday.

Ralph Elliott of Aloha was held to trial on a charge of driving his car while he was intoxicated. He was arrested by a state policeman December 22.

Earl McCoy, for whom the officers have been searching for two years, was indicted for forgery in connection with a check which it is alleged he issued against the L. M. Graham bank account in Forest Grove. McCoy was arrested Thursday in a Portland hotel and held in jail here. A warrant was issued December 16, 1933, from justice court in Forest Grove.

Held for Theft

Theft of 14 bags of walnuts from the Joe McBurney place near Gaston, figures in indictments for forgery returned against Earl McCoy, Murray, and Philip Sprigell, Portland junk man.

Murray was arrested recently in Colorado and returned to jail here by Deputy Harry Johnson, Sprigell, who also is in jail, was arrested in Portland three weeks ago.

Two others, said to have been implicated with them, have pleaded guilty. Bill Atkins of near Hillsboro is in possession of walnuts taken from the George Witherscombe farm at Gaston, and Peter Knight, Mountaineer wood cutter, to theft of the nuts.

Archie Beck, Gaston youth, charged with burglary of a pool hall in Gaston, pleaded guilty this week before Judge Peters. Wednesday he was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary and paroled on condition that he abstain from using liquor.

Writ Denied

Martin J. Bernards, former owner of the Orenco nursery property and who now lives at Aloha, was denied his petition in circuit court for writ of review on a justice court conviction on a charge of assault and battery. Hearing on the writ was held Monday afternoon before Judge R. Frank Peters. The conviction followed a hearing last fall.

Joe Meek, charged in an indictment with reckless driving, appeared Tuesday before Judge Peters and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail, pay a fine of \$100 and have his driver's license revoked for a period of six months. Judge Peters allowed parole on fine and jail sentence during good behavior. Meek crashed into two automobiles at Cedar Mill last October.

Orders filed this week in circuit court.

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Non-high Debts Paid with Cash

For the first time since it came into being four years ago, the non-union high school board paid tuition and transportation claims with cash at the meeting held Friday night, according to O. B. Kraus, county superintendent of schools. In previous years the board has paid in warrants only. All warrant debt was wiped out during the past year.

Total claims amounted to \$24,250 while Beaverton was leading with \$3400 for transportation and \$7000 for tuition for 200 students taken from the non-high school territory. Hillsboro required \$3000 for transportation and \$4200 for tuition, and Forest Grove \$300 for transportation and \$1050 for tuition. Banks required \$1000 for transportation and \$1750 for tuition. Figard, \$250 for transportation and \$700 for tuition.

Payment to the Portland school district amounted to \$1000 tuition for 50 students without transportation allowed.

Organization State Legislative Session Proves Quiet Affair; Fireworks Missing

(By A. L. Lindbeck)

SALREM—Organization of the 39th regular legislative session was unaccompanied by any political fireworks. Such smouldering fires or revolt as continued to burn in the breast of some of the house members were subdued—for the time being, at least—by peace overtures put forth on Sunday. A group of anti-Boivin democrats, whose opposition to the Klamath county representative for speaker was based largely on the charge that he was selling out to the republican minority, got together Sunday afternoon and formulated a slate for the more important house officers. It consisted exclusively of democratic aspirants with the single exception of the chief clerkship which was conceded to Fred Drager, veteran at that post. Presented to the leaders of the Boivin group it was accepted in the interest of harmony and peace—or at least a truce—prevailed.

Peace Indicated

Further indications of peace in the house organization were to be found in the fact that Charles Leach of Multnomah county, one of Boivin's opponents, presided at a meeting of the organization meeting and in the further fact

Slippery Roads Add to Week-end Accident Toll

Snow which blanketed all highways during and following the storm Saturday, packed over pavements and macadam to form a slippery surface disastrous to numerous automobiles, according to accident reports. However, while there were many crashes, there were no fatalities, and injuries mostly were of a minor nature.

Saturday morning, a mile east of Beaverton on the highway, Mrs. Arthur Jesse, 36, Hillsboro, suffered a broken rib and Margaret Yantti of Hillsboro route 4, bruises, when the Jesse car and the one driven by Miss Yantti collided on a hill. The Jesse car, according to the report, skidded down the hill sideways.

Child Hit

Saturday afternoon in Hillsboro, Bonnie Jean Kleier, 10, Hillsboro route 2, suffered bruises when she was struck by a truck driven by Gerald Senke, Hillsboro. She is reported to have run into the street from between two parked cars. The accident happened on Second avenue between Main and Washington.

John Steele, 12, of Blooming was in the Jones hospital suffering from a bad cut on the forehead and a back injury as the result of being struck by a motor car. The automobile driven by E. M. D. Weichbrodt of Blooming. The driver is said to have been blinded by a snowball thrown at his car. He was taken home Wednesday.

Patrons Paying Sewer Rentals Report Shows

Completed survey of the old and new sewer districts in Hillsboro has revealed that there are more sources of revenue than was first estimated when the application for federal assistance was made, according to a report to the city council filed by Edwin Bowman, city recorder, who made the survey.

In the old district there are 467 taxable outlets, the report said. Federal assistance for the construction of 103 business properties and 362 residences and church properties. The preliminary survey revealed only 434 such outlets.

Collections Good

Revenue due the city for sewer connections in the old district November 1, amounted to \$1221.71, or \$106.09 more than was anticipated. Collections to December 31 on these accounts amounted to \$1003.83, leaving an unpaid balance of \$233.88 due from 17 business properties and 78 residences. Eight property owners paid in full, the remainder paying the first half.

Revenue thus collected from the old district is used to retire the bonds covering the construction of the new sewage disposal plant. Similar charges will revert back from the new district for the plant when payments are begun there.

Bowman's survey of the new district reveals a total of 603 possible paying units made up of 18 businesses and 585 residences. This is 29 more than the preliminary survey revealed, the report said.

Reports

O. O. Freeman, chief of police, reports 28 arrests during 1936, of which seven were turned over to the courts. Fines collected in law enforcement amounted to \$406.50.

Among the loaves reported to Chief Freeman as stolen were five automobiles, of which four were recovered; eight small articles all recovered, and eight bicycles recovered. Ten lost children and old persons were returned to their homes, and 19 automobile accidents were checked.

Local Nut Growers Hit in Dundee Fire

Many of the Washington county nut growers still had part, or all, of the fall crop stored in the Dundee Nutgrowers' Co-operative plant when that property burned last week at a loss of \$75,000.

The 86-acre plant, suffering losses were Elmer Johnson and M. P. Cady. Johnson still had most of his filbert crop there awaiting disposal, while part of the crop from Cady farm at Laurel was stored there.

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Changes in the Hillsboro branch of the First National bank last Thursday brought three changes in personnel, it was made known this week by Russell Tisdale, manager.

William J. Weed, assistant manager of the Hillsboro branch for the last six months, has been transferred to Rose City branch as assistant manager under R. J. Seare. He came to Hillsboro with the transfer of James Say to the Stayton branch.

Raymond R. Brunkow, who has been employed here for the last year as teller, has been promoted to assistant manager, filling the Weed vacancy, and Jerry Abts, Hillsboro boy, has been transferred from Portland as teller and bookkeeper.

Budget Displeases

Election of F. M. Francisovich of Aloha as president of the senate was accomplished without opposition.

Both branches were organized before noon and the legislators met in joint session at 2 o'clock Monday to hear Governor Martin read his message.

Peace Indicated

Rumblings of revolt are already heard in connection with the budget and Governor Martin's warning "not to rock the boat." The rumblings come from members of the (Continued on page 6, column 2)

Coldest Weather in Six Years Reported in Valley

Mercury in Nose Dive Before Heavy Snow Blankets Valley; Temperature Drops to One Degree Above Zero Monday Night; Traffic Accidents Increase

Snowfall of nearly five inches, and temperatures which nearly touched the zero mark, sent Washington county residents shivering about their business during the past week.

Snow, which fell Friday night and Saturday, carpeted the valley to a depth of 4.75 inches, according to official readings by A. W. Moore of Hillsboro, observer for the biological survey.

Mercury Low

The snowfall followed a rise in temperature after the mercury took a nose dive Thursday to 8 degrees above zero, with a degree colder the following day. Temperatures again dropped abruptly Monday night to a point one degree above zero to set a record for the coldest period since the fall of 1929 and January, 1930.

Thrift of Auto Seems Solved with Arrest

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Blind Resident Manages Tasks Without Mishap

Despite a pair of sightless eyes, Frank Fisher, 96, resident near Middleton, manages to find his way about his 19-acre farm and keep abreast of the housework.

Nearly every task about the place is performed with nearly as much ease as though he still retained his sight. He chops his wood, throws it into the basement and stacks it there.

Walks to Town

Regular trips to Sherwood on shopping tours are also common in his life. He walks the mile and back along a busy road without mishap.

Even when an emergency arises he has proved that he can meet the situation. Once when the water in the well became low, he lowered himself with a rope, measured the amount of extra pipe needed to reach deeper into the water, and completed the job alone.

Bank Employees Get Transfers

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Democrats Consider Plans for Campaign

E. L. Ross, state senator from this county, was in attendance Saturday night at the annual Jackson Day dinner in Portland. During the afternoon Ed L. Moore, chairman of the county democratic central committee, attended a conference of county chairmen and the state committee.

Tests Coming

Mid-year tests for sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils will be given in various schools of the county January 25. O. B. Kraus, superintendent of schools announced this week. The tests are of the major subjects only.

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Potato Club Girl Winner Sweepstakes

Certified Chehalem Spuds Place Ellen Jaquith in Lead; Sherwood Show is Again Launched

Sweepstakes award at the Sherwood potato show was won by Ellen Jaquith, member of the Chehalem Mountain 4-H Potato club, with her exhibit of 49 certified Burbank seed potatoes, reports L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

The potato show which was sponsored by the Sherwood Commercial club and held in Sherwood, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, was very successful considering the cold weather which prevented many farmers from opening potato bins and selecting exhibits, Francis said.

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Kidnaping Ends in Brutal Murder



An anxious nation was stunned Monday by word of the finding of the mutilated body of 10-year-old Charles Mattson in the woods near Everett, Wash., 15 days after being snatched from his home in Tacoma. Top photo shows a rear view of the Mattson home and the route taken by the abductor. Center, left to right, are Dr. William W. Mattson, father of the boy; Charles, in his cowboy outfit a few days before abduction; and Mrs. Mattson. Below is a facsimile of a portion of the ransom note left by the abductor, demanding \$28,000.

Once Popular Livery Stable Being Wrecked

Wrecking of the old livery stable, on the south side of Main street next the new postoffice building, was begun this week by J. E. May of Forest Grove, new owner. The work is progressing rapidly despite the cold weather of last week and a heavy coating of snow on the sagging roof.

Work Started on West Slope Water System

Additions and repairs to the West Slope water system in the east end of the county were resumed Monday with a WPA crew of 20 men beginning the laying of new pipes, according to K. E. Tillotson, resident engineer for WPA. A project in 1935 increased the size of the mains from Sylvan to West Slope.

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Civic Group Makes Gains During Year

Chamber of Commerce Fund in Excellent Condition, Moore Reports at Annual Session Monday

Presenting what he declared was the best financial report ever made during his long service as secretary of the chamber of commerce, Ed L. Moore, secretary, pointed out at the annual meeting of the chamber Monday night that the organization was completing the year with a good balance of funds on hand.

The year has been a successful one, Moore said, in which only two members have been lost in contrast to 10 new ones gained. He also said that the year had been a busy one with many communications answered from persons seeking locations, either in the county or in Hillsboro.

Suggests Project

Moore suggested a project for the enlargement of the fair which would include an exchange of property to permit larger grounds and the development of a small track and field surrounded by grandstands. The cost of such a transaction, he remarked, probably would not exceed \$5000.

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